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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 30

1. NYT (3) WREN REPORTS SOVIET UNION HAS BEGUN PUBLICLY PRESSING SYRIA TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM LEBANON AND COOPERATE WITH ITS "NATURAL ALLIES" THE PALESTINIANS AND LEBANESE LEFTISTS, AS INDICATED IN PRAVDA COMMENTARY ECHOING EARLIER STATEMENT ISSUED BY SOVIET AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE. THE NEW LINE EMERGING APPEARS TO REFLECT PUBLICLY WHAT MOSCOW HAS URGED PRIVATELY ON DAMASCUS. LATEST TURN IN LEBANESE CIVIL WAR HAS UNDERSCORED SOVIET POWERLESSNESS TO BRING ITS ERSTWHILE ARAB ALLY TO HEEL.

2. SUN) HAL PIPER REPORTS IN SOME DETAIL ON NEW ART EXHIBITION, ENTITLED "ALEXANDER PODKOLZIN AND 12 YOUNG ARTISTS "WHICH OPENED LAST WEEK IN AN OFFICIAL ARTIST UNION'S HALL. IN THE OPINION OF SOME MOSCOW ARTISTS, PAINTINGS ARE DARING STYLISTICALLY AS THOSE AT SHOWING WHICH WAS DESTROYED BY BULLDOZERS TWO YEARS AGO. THE ART IS NOT SOCIAL, POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS, AND ITS EXPERIMENTS IN FORM AND COLOR ARE TAME BY AMERICAN STANDARDS. BUT IN THE SOVIET UNION IT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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"PRETTY EXCITING", AS ONE KNOWLEDGABLE AMERICAN SAID.

3. WP (3) AFP ITEM REPORTS MOTHER OF JAILED SOVIET WRITER VLADIMIR BUKOVSKY HAS DESCRIBED HER SON AS BEING AS "INHUMANLY THIN" AS AN AUSCHWITZ PRISONER.

4. WP (8) MOSCOW ITEM IN NEWS ROUND-UP "AROUND THE WORLD" CITES TASS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TWO WEEKS OF TALKS WITH U.S. DELEGATION ON A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO BAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS HAD BEEN USEFUL.

5. STAR (4) UPI ITEM FROM MOSCOW REPORTS SOVIET UNION WARNED OF THE GROWING MILITARY CONFLICT BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA "FRAUGHT WITH A SERIOUS DANGER TO WORLD PEACE". PRAVDA UNDERLINED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR LIBYA WHILE RE?RAINING FROM A DIRECT ATTACK ON EGYPT.

6. STAR (OP-ED) EDITORIAL POINTS OUT THAT DESPITE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PROMISES TO FARMERS, GRAIN EXPORTS MIGHT WELL BE LIMITED FROM TIME TO TIME IN SOME DEGREE, DEPENDING ON YEARLY HARVEST YIELDS HERE AND ELSEWHERE. (SUN HAS SIMILAR EDITORIAL). KISSINGER

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